THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The funds allocated to the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development during the last two years are given below:

Year	Funds allocated
1998-99	Rs. 9751.00 crore
1999-2000	Rs. 9760.00 crore

(d) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has been restructured as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana with effect from 01/04/99 and is being implemented in rural areas all over the country.

Increase amount for construction of housing units under IAY

446. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) What is the amount sanctioned for constructing a house under the Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) Whether it is a fact that a number of organisations have the minimum cost of a house to be constructed under IAY between Rs. 40,000 and Rs. 50,000 and the amount sanctioned is not sufficient; and

(c) if so, whether Government have a proposal to increase the amount to atleast Rs. 30,000 per housing unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The ceiling on assistance for new construction of a house under Indira Awaas Yojana is Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 22,000/- in plain and hilly/difficult areas respectively. Under Indira Awaas Yojana, no limit on the total cost of the house constructed has been stipulated. However, eligible beneficiaries are free to contribute by way of cash and/or in kind to build a better house.

(c) No proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase the present ceiling on assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana.

Review of KBK development schemes in Orissa

447. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team comprising the Central and State Government official reviewed the KBK development schemes in Orissa;

(b) whether they have submitted any report; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) A two-Member team from the Prime Minister's Office visited KBK districts from 10th-14th April, 2000 alongwith Officers of the Government of Orissa. The team, in its tour report, has made observations about Emergency Feeding Programme, Capacity of local administration to take up various programmes, Watershed Development Programme, Collection of Minor Forest Produce, Alleviation of agricultural land by non-Tribals, Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS), Health Issues, Administrative Issues, Public Distribution System and the role of NGO's besides some general issues.

Decline in production of cotton textiles

†448. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of cotton textiles in India has gradually declined during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to restore the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (b) The production of cotton cloth in the country fluctuated during the last ten years. The production of cotton cloth during the years 1991-92, 1994-95 and 1998-99 declined over the corresponding previous years. However, the production of cotton cloth during the year 1999-2000 has shown higher growth as compared to 1998-99, still it was lower than that of 1996-97 and 1997-98. The productions of cotton cloth, largely depends on—availability and prices of raw cotton as raw material, cost of other inputs, demand in the domestic and international markets and imports.

(c) In order to improve the production of cotton textiles in the country, the government has lanuched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improve the production, productivity and quality of cotton, ensuring the availability of quality cotton to the textile mills. For modernisation of textile and jute industries including cotton textile industries, the Technology

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